

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 792

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Barbara Jean Castleman of Martin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Barbara Jean Castleman, an exemplary person and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Martin on May 1, 1949, to Odis and Nell Smith Carmichael, Mrs. Castleman grew up on a farm, where her father and grandfather milked cows; she was active in the county 4-H program and won competitions in bread baking and sewing; and

WHEREAS, while a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Mrs. Castleman worked part time at the information desk in the University Center and in the cafeteria; she graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, before landing her dream job as Administrator of Elections for Weakley County, Mrs. Castleman worked for a number of organizations, including the Department of Employment Security and the Department of Human Services in both Dresden and Union City; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist appointed Mrs. Castleman to serve on the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, in which capacity she served for two terms; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Castleman was an active member of Martin First Baptist Church, where she worked with mission groups; she found her love for Christ at an early age as a member of Bible Union Baptist Church, where she enjoyed playing piano and singing solos and duets with her mother; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Castleman enjoyed fifty years of marriage with Bennie Castleman, whom she married on June 5, 1971, at Bible Union Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Claire (Jay) Oliver, Kelly (Tim) Smith, and Bryan (Candace) Castleman; her grandchildren, Maggie Oliver, Mollie Oliver, Mary Kate Smith, Leah Grace Smith, Wade Castleman, and Creed Castleman; and her siblings, Jimmy Carmichael and Mark Carmichael; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Castleman leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Barbara Jean Castleman, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Castleman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.